

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): An interlabial pad comprising:

an absorbent body for absorbing liquid;

~~a first sheet forming a surface side sheet~~ having a permeable property for liquids, being
configured for contacting a body, and ~~the first sheet~~ covering a first face side of the absorbent
body[[,]] ~~and the first sheet having a permeable property for liquid;~~

~~a second sheet independent from the first sheet contacting a second face side opposite to the~~
~~first face side of the absorbent body and forming a back face side sheet~~ formed by a plurality of
sheet pieces that contact a second face side of the absorbent body opposite to the first face side;
~~configured to be positioned away from the body, the second sheet including a plurality of sheet~~
~~pieces at least one seam part of the second sheet formed by overlapping the plurality of sheet pieces~~
~~over one another, and~~

~~the second sheet being formed of either a water disintegrable material or a biodegradable~~
~~material and having at least one seam part as a longitudinal seam part extending along a central line~~
~~portion of the second sheet in a longitudinal direction of the absorbent body, wherein~~

~~the second sheet contacts the second face side of the absorbent body along the region of the~~
~~second sheet having the longitudinal seam part, and~~

~~the second sheet disperses into a plurality of sheet pieces by separating at the seam part~~
~~when discarded by flushing; and~~

a junction joining the surface side sheet and the back face side sheet at a peripheral edge of
the absorbent body, the absorbent body being enclosed thereby between the surface side sheet and
the back face side sheet;

a mini-sheet piece formed of either a water disintegrable material or a biodegradable material, the mini-sheet piece being adhered to the back face side sheet at the junction joining the surface side sheet and the back face side sheet of the surface side sheet, and the back face side sheet being provided at a peripheral edge of the absorbent body, forming a pocket between the mini-sheet piece and the back face side sheet, wherein a finger of a user may be inserted into the pocket[[,]]; and

one or more seam parts that are either water disintegratable or biodegradable, the one or more seam parts extending from 5 to 15 mm between edges of overlapping portions of the plurality of sheet pieces, wherein:

pairs of the plurality of sheet pieces are only partially overlapping at the overlapping portions,

at least one of the one or more seam parts comprises a longitudinal seam part extending linearly along a longitudinal central line of the interlabial pad between longitudinal ends of the absorbent body, and

the one or more seam parts extend from 5 to 15 mm between edges of the overlapping portions of the plurality of sheet pieces.

~~wherein the seam part of the second sheet comprises at least one of the following features:~~

- ~~i) an outer surface of the seam part is made uneven through an emboss process;~~
- ~~ii) an outer surface of the seam part is made uneven by adhering a hydrophilic nonwoven fabric to the outer surface;~~

~~iii) the seam part is formed by a folded back portion of the back side face sheet, such that the back side face sheet overlaps itself;~~

~~iv) the seam part is formed by partial, mutual overlapping of small sheet pieces of the back side face sheet, wherein perforation-like slits are formed in the overlapping small sheet; or~~

~~v) the seam part is formed by partial, mutual overlapping of small sheet pieces of the back side face sheet, wherein the overlapping pieces are adhered together by an adhesive agent applied between the small sheet pieces, and wherein a part of the small sheet piece at least in a vicinity of an end portion of the small sheet piece is left free of any adhesive agent.~~

Claims 2-5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1,
wherein another one of the one or more seam ~~[[part]] parts comprise~~ further includes a lateral seam part extending in a lateral direction and crossing over the longitudinal seam part of the interlabial pad.

Claims 7- 9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (previously presented): A packaging body for individually packaging an interlabial pad, comprising:

a packaging sheet; and

an interlabial pad according to claim 1;
wherein the interlabial pad is covered by the packaging sheet; and
wherein the packaging sheet is provided with a continuous or discontinuous parting zone that is parted by actions of water, along which the packaging sheet is separated into a plurality of small sheet pieces after the packaging sheet is discarded in a toilet.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The packaging body for individually packaging an interlabial pad according to Claim 10;
wherein the packaging sheet is a liquid impermeable sheet with an impermeable property against liquid.

Claims 12-22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1, further comprising a folded structure in portion at which the back face side sheet second sheet is folded face to face on a folding axis along the longitudinal central line,
wherein an edge of one of the overlapping portions of the plurality of sheet pieces is positioned away from the folding axis.

Claims 24 - 25 (canceled).

Claim 26 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein each of the one or more seam parts comprises at least one of the following features:

- i) an adhesion with an emboss process;
 - ii) an adhesion with a water disintegrable adhesive agent;
 - iii) an adhesion with an intermittent application pattern of a pressure-sensitive adhesive agent;
 - iv) an adhesion with an intermittent application pattern of a heat-sensitive adhesive agent;
 - v) an adhesion with a water-sensitive adhesive agent;
 - vi) an adhesion with a biodegradable adhesive agent; or
 - vii) a folding back over perforation-like slits formed in the back face side sheet.
- wherein the adhesive agent is applied in the range of 1 to 20g/M².

Claim 27 (canceled).

Claim 28 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the one or more seam ~~[[part]]~~ parts further include ~~includes~~ a first lateral seam part and a second lateral seam part spaced apart from each other along the longitudinal seam part of the back face side sheet ~~second sheet~~, both lateral seam parts extending in a lateral direction and crossing over the longitudinal seam part ~~of the interlabial pad~~.

Claim 29 (new): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein an outer surface side of the back face side sheet opposite to an inner surface side of the back face side sheet contacting the absorbent body comprises hydrophilic fibers.

Claim 30 (new): The interlabial pad according to claim 29, wherein the inner surface side of the back face side sheet is formed by laminating the hydrophilic fibers with liquid impermeable resin.

Claim 31 (new): The interlabial pad according to claim 29, wherein the inner surface side of the back face side sheet is formed with a water-repellant treatment.

Claim 32 (new): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the back face side sheet comprises a water-disintegratable polymer.

Claim 33 (new): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the back face side sheet comprises a film including a biodegradable resin.